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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER IN VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

FOLLOWING REPEAT MAPUTO 0548 ACTION SECSTATE LIBREVILLE
USUN OTTAWA PARIS BONN LONDON PRETORIA CAPE TOWN INFO LUSAKA
DAR ES SALAAM GABORONE LAGOS DTD 16 MAY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0548

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

LIBREVILLE PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR WA US UK FR CA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SECOND MEETING WITH NUJOMA

FOLLOWING IS AGREED REPORT OF MAPUTO CONTACT GROUP:

1. SUMMARY: NUJOMA EXPRESSED SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS
OF FIVE POWERS ON NAMIBIA BUT SAID HE PLANNED TO CRITICIZE
WESTERN FIVE FOR SENDING DELEGATION TO WINDHOEK. HE DID NOT
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CRITICIZE ANY OF THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF CAPETOWN CG GROUP
EFFORTS BUT EMPHASIZED THE ROLE THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA SHOULD
HAVE. END SUMMARY.

2. CONTACT GROUP REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH NUJOMA AND FOUR SWAPO
ASSOCIATES ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 MAY. NUJOMA SAID THAT HE WISHED
TO GIVE US THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REACTION ON BEHALF OF SWAPO

AND THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE TO THE CAPETOWN TALKS:

A. HE EXPRESSED "SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS YOUR GOVERNMENTS ARE MAKING". A SHOOTING WAR WAS HOWEVER IN PROGRESS IN NAMIBIA, AND INDEPENDENCE COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE SAME WAY AS IT HAD BEEN IN TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA. SWAPO WOULD MAKE A FULL STUDY OF THE TEXT WE HAD HANDED OVER, AND IN DUE COURSE A CONSIDERED WRITTEN REACTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO CG REPRESENTATIVES, PROBABLY IN DAR ES SALAAM OR LUSAKA.

B. SWAPO CONSIDERED THE VISIT BY CG REPRESENTATIVES TO NAMIBIA ("TO TALK TO PUPPETS") TO BE ILLEGAL AND A GROSS VIOLATION OF RELEVANT UNGA RESOLUTIONS AND THE I.C.J. OPINION. ON THIS POINT HE WOULD MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT SWAPO CONSIDERED THE VISIT TO BE AN UNFRIENDLY ACT ON THE PART OF CG GOVERNMENTS. HE WOULD REFER TO WESTERN ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS ILLEGAL PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA. THE VISIT TO NAMIBIA WAS "APPEASEMENT OF VORSTER".

C. SWAPO WOULD CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO SUCH VISITS UNLESS SANCTIONED FORMALLY BY THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA BY THE ISSUE OF VISAS THROUGH ITS OFFICE IN NEW YORK. HE IMPLIED THAT CG GOVERNMENTS VISIT MUST RECOGNIZE THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AS INTERIM AUTHORITY BEFORE INDEPENDENCE.

\$. HE HOPED THAT "A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT COULD BE FOUND AS A RESULT OF ALL OUR EFFORTS AS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY". CONSULTATION ON FURTHER STEPS WOULD BE NECESSARY
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NOT SO MUCH WITH SWAPO AS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES. THOSE GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE CONSULTING SWAPO.

E. SOUTH AFRICA COULD INFORM THE TURNHALLE DELEGATES, AND SWAPO WOULD LOOK AFTER NAMIBIAN OPINION (INCLUDING CHURCH GROUPS). NUJOMA CONCLUDED BY REITERATING HIS THANKS FOR OUR EFFORTS, AND HIS HOPE THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERT PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA. THE SOUTH AFRICANS MUST ACCEPT ALL RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL (VIZ 2145, 2248 AND 385). NUJOMA ALSO APOLOGIZED FOR HIS ELUSIVENESS LAST WEEK, WHICH WAS ENTIRELY DUE TO AIRLINES PROBLEMS. HE HAD HAD TO TRAVEL VIA LAGOS AND LUANDA AND COULD NOT GET TO DAR ES SALAAM AS HOPED.

3. IN REPLYING WE ASKED NUJOMA DIRECTLY WHETHER HE CONSIDERED THAT WESTERN EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE, AND WE EMPHASIZED THAT THE TALKS HELD SO FAR WERE ONLY A START, ALBEIT A GOOD ONE. HE REPEATED HIS VIEWS AND ADDED THAT WE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE ANY ELECTION COULD BE HELD (I.E. A CEASE FIRE AND WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN

TROOPS). HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE CG HAD NOT EMBARKED ON THIS EFFORT "IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE TAKING ITS COURSE". IN SWAPO'S VIEW THE CONFERENCE WAS A VITAL PART OF THE ONGOING DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY STRUGGLE WHICH MIGHT LAST FOR YEARS. HE NOTED THAT NOT ONE ASPECT OF RESOLUTION 385 HAD YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED. WE EMPHASIZED THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS WERE GOING TO MAPUTO WITH THE FULL INTENTION OF CONSTRUCTIVE PARTICIPATION, AS WITNESS THE STRONG DELEGATIONS OUR GOVERNMENTS WERE SENDING. THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE LAID PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ON THE PART OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.

4. THE MEETING ENDED ON A VERY CORDIAL NOTE. NUJOMA INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE IN DAR ES SALAAM LATE THIS WEEK AND IN LUSAKA BY 22 MAY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HE VOLUNTEERED TO THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR THAT HE HOPED TO SEE HIM IN LUSAKA.

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5. WE HAD ANTICIPATED A HOSTILE REACTION FROM NUJOMA. THIS WAS BETTER THAN EXPECTED, BUT WE MUST AWAIT HIS SPEECH TODAY.

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